GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SPORTS SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up either National Sports School or National Sports University to explore and nurture available talent in sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of recognised sports schools functioning in the country alongwith names of sports being nurtured in each State, State-wise and Territory-wise;

(d) whether these schools have produced renowned sportsmen in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, School-wise and Sports-wise;

(f) whether the Government propose to take some steps to encourage and promote traditional sports in the country; and
(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no proposal under considerationfor opening of any National Sports School/ National Sports University. However, Government is already running Lakshmibi National Institution of Physical Education, Gwalior, which is a deemed University.

(c) to (e): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(f) & (g): Government of India is implementing following schemes for promoting the traditional sports in the country:

(i) Assistance to the National Sports Federations : Under the scheme financial assistanceto provided for promotion of traditional sports such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Ataya Patya.

(ii) Rural Sports Programme : This scheme contains following two sub-components under which traditional sports disciplines are organised besides the selected disciplines;

(a) Rural Sports Tournament : Under this component, besides organization of tournaments of selected disciplines, such as Athletics, Tug-of-war, Archery, Hockey, Kho-Kho, Dabaddi. Weightlifting, Volleyball, Wrestling and Football, State Governments organise many other indigenous sports, popular in the area at block, district and State levels.

(b) Sports Festival for North Eastern Region : North East Sports Festival is orgnaised involving sports persons from the North-East States every year. Besides the selected disciplines, viz. Athletics, Badminton, boxing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Table Tennis and Weightlifting, sports disciplines that are popular in these States, are also included in the Festival.